

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan, on March 30, 2015 at 4:10 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/25/2015

**HEARING ON HB 2 continued**

**Section B - Health and Human Services**

00:01:31 Rep. Ron Ehli, HD 86  
00:09:47 Richard Opper, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
00:23:34 Rep. Ehli  
00:23:55 Vice Chair Keenan  
00:24:14 Rep. Ehli

**Economic Security Services Branch**

00:29:31 Rep. Ehli

**Public Comment:**

00:32:10 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers (MILC)  
00:33:26 Kelly Rosenleaf , Child Care Resources  
00:40:22 Chris Hall, representing himself

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:06 Sen. Moore  
00:43:35 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
00:43:48 Robert Runkle, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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00:45:33 Sen. Moore  
00:45:53 Mr. Runkle, DPHHS  
00:46:26 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:47:05 Mr. Opper  
00:47:13 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:47:16 Mr. Opper  
00:47:29 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:47:42 Sen. Caferro  
00:48:18 Rep. Ehli  
00:50:57 Sen. Caferro  
00:51:23 Rep. Ehli

**Directors Office**

00:52:29 Rep. Ehli

**Operations Services Support Branch**

00:53:18 Rep. Ehli

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:22 Sen. Caferro  
00:58:50 Rep. Ehli  
01:00:01 Sen. Caferro  
01:00:16 Rep. Ehli

**Medicaid and Health Services Branch**

01:01:01 Rep. Ehli

**Public Comment:**

01:11:14 Russ Cargo, Helena Industries  
01:16:05 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals Goodwill  
01:19:36 Wally Melcher, Montana Association for Community Disability Services (MACDS)  
01:23:48 Jim Ahrens, Montana Dental Association  
01:24:55 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers, Montana Sheriffs and  
Peace Officers Association  
01:28:32 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT  
01:29:21 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT(fcs66b02)**

01:32:04 Erin McGowan Fincham, Montana Children's Initiative, and for Jani McCall,  
Legacy Providers Group  
01:35:07 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

**EXHIBIT(fcs66b03)**

01:41:31 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers  
01:47:19 Robin Homan, Benefis Spectrum  
01:49:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:52:38 Sen. Wolken  
01:53:25 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
01:55:33 Sen. Wolken  
01:55:41 Mr. Evans, OBPP  
01:55:58 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:56:26 Ms. Hughes, MHCA  
01:57:15 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:57:41 Ms. Hughes  
01:58:17 Sen. Caferro  
01:59:21 Mr. Melcher, MACDS  
01:59:34 Sen. Keane  
02:00:03 Ms. Brenneman, DRM  
02:03:01 Sen. Keane  
02:03:06 Ms. Brenneman  
02:03:53 Sen. Keane  
02:04:22 Sen. Wolken

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02:05:05	Ms. Brenneman
02:07:08	Sen. Keane
02:07:18	Mr. Cargo
02:07:38	Sen. Keane
02:07:45	Mr. Cargo
02:08:17	Vice Chair Keenan
02:08:33	Rep. Ehli
02:08:37	Vice Chair Keenan

**RECESS**

Recessed: 6:23 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs66bad.pdf](#))